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## Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 218 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 7, 2007. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## Broiler Chicks Placed Up 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 176 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 7, 2007. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through April 7, 2007 were 2.43 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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**Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 3 2007	Mar 10 2007	Mar 17 2007	Mar 24 2007	Mar 31 2007	Apr 7 2007
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	30,794	*30,094	*30,576	31,090	31,304	31,680
AR	28,089	28,240	28,016	*28,079	27,991	28,212
DE	4,021	4,047	4,043	4,047	4,039	4,039
FL	1,366	1,364	1,364	1,365	1,364	1,362
GA	35,732	35,527	*35,450	35,870	35,361	36,164
KY	7,699	7,556	*7,495	7,584	7,569	7,405
LA	3,848	3,833	3,893	3,924	3,924	3,924
MD	8,958	9,019	8,975	8,952	8,985	8,970
MS	19,135	19,149	19,281	19,193	18,936	18,998
NC	19,485	19,400	*19,207	19,326	*18,341	19,407
OK	6,684	6,603	6,689	6,690	*6,474	6,672
PA	3,999	4,005	3,929	3,799	3,866	3,959
SC	5,624	5,383	5,479	5,422	5,388	5,554
TX	14,639	14,935	*15,075	*15,104	*15,015	14,963
VA	6,168	6,203	6,246	6,399	6,495	6,451
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*20,306	*20,034	*20,052	*19,688	*20,019	20,544
19 State Total	*216,547	*215,392	*215,770	*216,532	*215,071	218,304
Previous Year Total	216,951	216,768	213,555	211,053	213,715	215,730
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	99	101	103	101	101

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 3 2007	Mar 10 2007	Mar 17 2007	Mar 24 2007	Mar 31 2007	Apr 7 2007
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,640	20,491	20,132	20,395	20,197	20,407
AR	22,890	23,452	22,410	24,627	*24,337	24,450
DE	4,407	3,826	4,693	5,768	4,449	5,111
FL	1,736	1,406	1,440	1,419	1,450	1,458
GA	28,851	28,955	28,527	*29,218	28,940	29,038
KY	5,733	6,390	6,545	6,360	*6,504	6,253
LA	3,890	3,454	3,998	3,756	3,655	3,738
MD	5,890	7,029	5,929	5,663	6,778	5,931
MS	17,131	17,289	17,397	*17,173	*17,415	17,719
NC	15,638	15,852	15,472	15,867	*15,872	16,161
OK	5,100	5,061	5,574	4,548	*4,406	4,807
PA	2,602	2,909	2,744	2,785	2,860	2,849
SC	4,200	4,792	5,206	4,823	4,429	4,823
TX	12,182	12,228	12,275	12,302	*12,577	12,840
VA	5,122	4,819	4,901	4,593	4,758	5,164
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,470	*16,845	*17,005	*16,172	*17,050	15,692
19 State Total	*173,482	*174,798	*174,248	*175,469	*175,677	176,441
Previous Year Total	173,663	175,801	177,396	176,996	176,993	173,986
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	99	98	99	99	101

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